

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph at page 1, line 3 (as per the English translation of the application as filed):

-- This application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/EP03/50708, filed October 13, 2003, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on May 6, 2004 in French and which claims the benefit of French patent application No. 0213981, filed October 28, 2002.

**Background of the invention --**

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 1, line 5 (as per the English translation of the application as filed):

**-- Summary of the invention --**

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 10, line 1 (as per the English translation of the application as filed):

**-- Brief description of the drawings --**

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 10, line 30 (as per the English translation of the application as filed):

**-- Description of the preferred embodiments --**